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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMBASSY OBJECTS TO PROPOSED MEETING OF LAENDER  
INTERIOR MINISTERS AND FREQUENCY OF OTHER MEETINGS  
IN WEST BERLIN

REF: USBERLIN 0465

SUMMARY: AFTER THE PROTEST AGAINST ZURICH FLIGHTS, SOVIET  
EMBASSY COUNSELOR KHOTULEV AND FIRST SECRETARY TYUTYUNOV  
ENTERED INTO ANOTHER OF THEIR TYPICAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT FRG  
ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN, THIS TIME RE A MEETING OF LAENDER  
INTERIOR MINISTERS. THEIR PRESENTATION WAS "INFORMAL", AND  
REPEATED THEIR LINE ON JANUARY 31 WITH THE BRITISH POLAD.  
WE CONSIDER THAT US POLAD SUFFICIENTLY ANSWERED THEIR  
REMARKS ON THE SPOT. END SUMMARY.  
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1. FOLLOWING A FORMAL PRESENTATION ON THE PLANNED INAUGURA-  
TION OF DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND ZURICH (REF),  
SOVIET EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR KHOTULEV AND FIRST  
SECRETARY TYUTYUNOV ENGAGED IN A MEANDERING "INFORMAL"  
PRESENTATION ON THE MEETING OF FRG LAENDER INTERIOR  
MINISTERS IN WEST BERLIN SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 18.

2. TYUTYUNOV NOTED THAT THE MEETING OF THE LAENDER INTERIOR MINISTERS HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE PRESS BUT THAT THE AGENDA HAD NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC. POLAD RESPONDED THAT ALLIES WERE AWARE THAT THE MEETING WAS TO TAKE PLACE, BUT THAT SAW NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN. TYUTYUNOV CHALLENGED POLAD'S STATEMENT AND ARGUED STANDARD SOVIET POSITION THAT SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 LETTER OF THREE ALLIED AMBASSADORS TO FEDERAL CHANCELLOR SPECIFICALLY FORBIDS MEETINGS OF ORGANS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN BERLIN AND THE EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY IN BERLIN BY FRG ORGANS. POLAD RESPONDED THAT CONFERENCE OF LAENDER INTERIOR MINISTERS WAS NOT A STATE ORGAN AS DEFINED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AMBASSADORS' LETTER TO THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR AND THAT IT WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO PERFORM IN BERLIN ANY ACTS WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS ACTS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY OR RULE.

3. SOVIETS (PARTICULARLY TYUTYUNOV) REHASHED THEIR LONG-STANDING ARGUMENT THAT ANY OFFICIALS FROM WEST GERMANY HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED AS FRG OFFICIALS SINCE THEY COME FROM THE FRG. THEY EVEN ARGUED THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AS SUCH "DOES NOT EXIST" BUT RATHER CONSISTS OF THE TEN LAENDER. TYUTYUNOV FURTHER SAID THAT MEETINGS OF THE LAENDER INTERIOR MINISTERS MUST BE A VIOLATION OF THE QA SINCE INTERIOR MINISTERS WOULD NATURALLY BE DISCUSSING MATTERS OF SECURITY. POLAD TURNED BACK EACH OF THESE ARGUMENTS IN TURN, COMMENTING THAT, AS SOVIETS WOULD SEE AFTER THE MEETING, THE

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MMINISTERS WILL NOT HAVE PERFORMED ANY ACTS OF RULE OVER THE WSB, WHERE ALLIED AUTHORITY IS UNDISPUTED.

4. TYUTYUNOV AND KHOTULEV THEN COMPLAINED ABOUT "CONCENTRATION" OF MEETINGS OF BUNDESTAG COMMITTEES, FRAKTIONEN, PARTY GATHERINGS, AND THE LIKE, WHICH THEY SAID HAD BECOME MUCH MORE FREQUENT IN PAST THREE MONTHS. THEY ARGUED THAT THE QA EXPRESSLY STATES THAT WHILE INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEES AND FRAKTIONEN MEETINGS OF THE BUNDESTAG WOULD BE PERMITTED, THEY SHOULD NOT OCCUR IN GREAT NUMBERS. SOVIETS COMPLAINED THAT EFFECT OF THESE FREQUENT MEETINGS WAS TO ALLOW THE BUNDESTAG TO HAVE ONE LONG DRAWN OUT CONTINUOUS MEETING IN WEST BERLIN. POLAD REJECTED SOVIETS' PRESENTATION, STATING FLATLY THAT WE DID NOT AGREE WITH THEIR INTERPRETATION OF THE NATURE OF RECENT MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES, ETC. IN WEST BERLIN, AND THAT SEPARATE MEETINGS WHICH WERE HELD WERE ENTIRELY LEGAL AND PERMITTED UNDER THE QA.

5. COMMENT: THERE WAS NOTHING NEW SUBSTANTIVELY TO  
THE SOVIETS' ARGUMENTS ABOUT THE MEETING OF THE LAENDER  
INTERIOR MINISTERS HERE, AND THEIR MORE GENERALIZED  
COMPLAINTS ABOUT OTHER FRG ACTIVITIES. PARTICULARLY  
SINCE THEIR REMARKS WERE CONVERSATIONAL RATHER THAN  
FORMAL, WE FEEL THAT ON-THE-SPOT REPLY BY CHAIRMAN  
POLAD SUFFICES, AND THAT NO FURTHER REPLY IS NECESSARY. GEORGE

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